

# Department of Natural Resources Impact in Marinette County

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



## Did you know?

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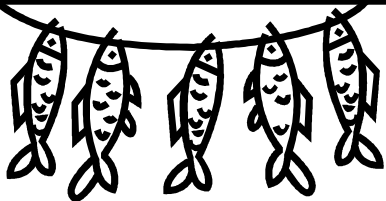
**763,384**



**RESIDENT HUNTERS**

In 2011, fishing in Wisconsin had an economic impact of over

**\$1.4 billion**



In Marinette County, **17,860** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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## Investments in Recreation

In fiscal year 2014, **Governor Thompson State Park** attracted close to **148,794 visitors** making an estimated **economic impact** of **\$7,439,700**.

**7,780 extended growth walleye** were stocked in the **Menominee River and Rosebush Lake** from the Wild Rose Hatchery under the **Wisconsin Walleye Initiative**. The initiative aims to strengthen Wisconsin walleye waters.

**\$7,556,258** was invested back into the infrastructure of Marinette County's state properties.

DNR granted a total of **\$28,040** to **Marinette County's Sheriff Department** and the **Town of Stephenson** for ATV, snowmobile and boat patrol.

Peshtigo River State Forest is 9,200 acres and surrounds two major public use flowages. There are 16 boat landings and camping opportunities. Co-located with Governor Thompson State Park, it is a significant destination place for tourism.

## Community Partnerships

The Menekaunee Harbor dredging and **development project** was a **joint effort between DNR, City of Marinette and EPA** to remove about 75,000 cubic yards of arsenic and mercury contaminated sediments from harbor. **The area has been improved for boating and fish and wildlife habitat.**

**Sand Lake Conservation Camp and the DNR worked in partnership** with Marinette County Land Information Department. Campers learned about DNR's mission, public trust and fisheries management.

**\$35,995 was granted to local Fire Departments** to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety on wild land fires.

## Snapshot of grants in Marinette County

**DNR awarded \$398,496.06 in grants** for outdoor recreation improvements including: maintaining snowmobile trails, UTV and ATV trails and aquatic weed harvesting.

**DNR awarded \$2,227,206.00 in grants** for water quality improvement projects such as cost-share installation of manure management systems for agricultural runoff and providing education and management of aquatic invasive species.

\*Numbers reflect the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 time period.

## Forestry Activities

The forest industry is one of the **top ten employers** in Marinette County.

Through the Forest Tax Law programs (Forest Crop and MFL) **123,648 acres of private land** in Marinette County are being properly managed for timber, wildlife, water quality and a healthy environment. Additionally, **31,403 acres of those privately owned lands are open for public access for hunting and recreation.**

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$121,481 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands, prairies and waters.**

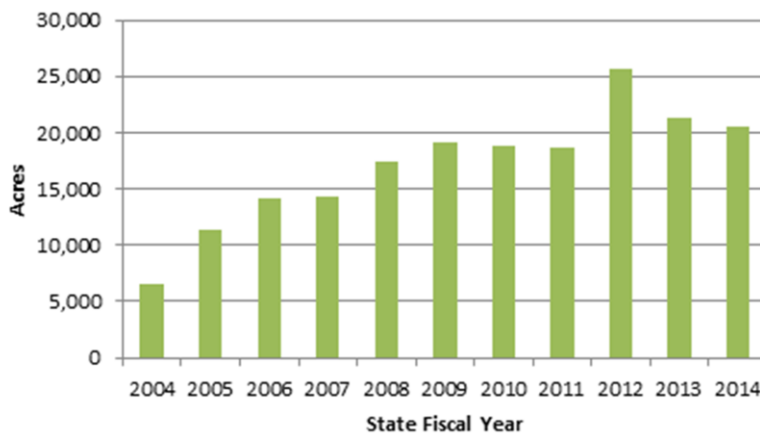
In the last three fiscal years **Marinette County Forest received over \$200,000 in grants** from the DNR purchase, develop, preserve and maintain county forest lands.

The **Marinette County Forest generated** an average of **\$2.3 million/year in revenue** during the past three years.

Since 2005, **over 59,502 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in Marinette County, providing more than **\$2,325,641 in revenue.**

*The following graph represents the average acres of timber sales established on state lands in Wisconsin annually.*

### State Timber Sale Establishment



## Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 250 contaminated properties resulting in 20 acres being made available for reuse.** DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment.**

DNR has worked with **local fire departments and hazardous materials teams to respond to 29 spills of hazardous material spills** over the past three years.

DNR provided **\$59,000 in Brownfield Grants** over the past three years to place contaminated properties back into productive commercial or industrial use.

## Deer Management in Marinette County

In 2014, Marinette County established a County Deer Advisory Council. One council per county, they provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management.

DNR worked with eight landowners who have over 1,200 acres enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program to improve wildlife habitat on their property.

In 2013, a total of 9,926 deer were registered in Marinette County with 2,797 harvested during archery deer season and 7,129 harvested during the gun deer season.